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MEDIA RELEASE**For Immediate Release****August 23, 2005****Contact: Karen Vickers****(770) 424-8274****PROGRAM PALOOZA OFFERED SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

KENNESAW, GEORGIA (August 23, 2005) – On Saturday, August 20, more than 800 people braved heat index temperatures over 100 degrees to attend the inaugural Program Palooza at the Kennesaw Community Center. The free event was designed as an “open house” to promote the numerous and diverse programs offered through the Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department.

The event featured live performances by students and plenty of music, food and giveaways. Students from dance, gymnastics and drama classes provided stage entertainment, while over 30 instructors and City employees interacted with the public. Special appearances by Austin Powers “the International Man of Mystery,” the Atlanta Hawks’ acro-dunking mascot “Skyhawk,” and Michael Ann Chapman, Mrs. Georgia 2005, added to the festival atmosphere.

The five-hour event also featured free “make and go” crafts for kids, chair massages for adults, and square dancing demonstrations by the Kennesaw Square Dealers.

Individuals who registered for a class or workshop during the Program Palooza received a 10% discount.

For additional information about Kennesaw Parks & Recreation programs, visit www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec or call (770) 422-9714.

DIGITAL PHOTO ATTACHED.

PHOTO 1: Visitors to the Kennesaw Community Center enjoy refreshments during Program Palooza.

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